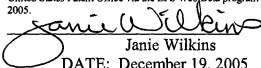


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SECOND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2005 in the above-identified patent application.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0178288 A1 to Taguchi ("Taguchi").

Taguchi was filed on February 6, 2003 as international application No. PCT/JP03/01252 and claimed priority to several Japanese applications. The earliest priority date of the Japanese applications was February 8, 2002. The Japanese applications were withdrawn and were never published. The international application was published in Japanese on August 14, 2003 as international publication No. WO 03/066756. The U.S. national phase application was filed on April 18, 2005 and published on August 18, 2005 as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0178288 A1.

Although Taguchi was filed as an international application after November 29, 2000 and designated the U.S., the international publication was not published under Article 21(2) of Patent Cooperation Treaty in the English language. Thus, Taguchi can only be applied as a reference as of its US publication date, not as of its international filing date. MPEP 2136.03 II (B). The present application was filed in the U.S. on March 23, 2004 and claims priority to a Japanese application filed March 26, 2003. Thus, Taguchi is not prior art under any subsections of 35 U.S.C. 102, and not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) to the claimed invention.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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